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**** Media Advisory ****

Wichita Police Department to Honor Employees/Volunteer

What: Employee/Volunteer of the Year Awards
When: 3 p.m. on October 20
Where: City Hall, First Floor Board Room
Who: Wichita Police Department

The Wichita Police Department is pleased to announce its Officer of the Year, Non Sworn Employee of the Year and Cooper/McKee Volunteer of the Year award winners. The three winners will be honored at a reception at 3 p.m. on Oct. 20 in the First Floor Board Room of City Hall, 455 N. Main.



Lieutenant Ken Landwehr is this year's Officer of the Year. Lt. Landwehr is a 27-year veteran of the Wichita Police Department and is the Commander of the Homicide Section in the Investigations Division. In March of 2004 the BTK serial killer resurfaced, and Lt. Landwehr became indelibly linked to the serial killer investigation and the crimes that spanned three decades. During the 11-month

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intense investigation in 2004-2005, Lt. Landwehr devoted countless hours to the identification and apprehension of the BTK suspect. Lt. Landwehr had the unique ability to organize a sizeable task force, allocate resources, plan strategically, and communicate with the public during a time of intense pressure and public scrutiny. Few investigators in the nation can say they have shared the same dedication to the apprehension of a lone offender. The investigative efforts successfully culminated on Feb 25, 2005, with the arrest of BTK. Lt. Landwehr is a credit to the Wichita Police Department and has represented the Department in an exemplary manner. During his career with the Police Department, Lt. Landwehr has been the recipient of three Bronze Wreaths of Merit and the 10 and 15-year Safe Driving Awards.



This year's Non-Sworn Employee of the Year is **Joyce Myer**. Joyce Myer is a 29-year veteran of the Wichita Police Department and currently serves as an Associate Accountant in the Support Services Division. She is experienced and knowledgeable in the responsibilities of the processing of accounting, purchasing, payment and travel/training paperwork, which are duties that are essential to the operation of the Police Department. Her attention to detail and

the quality of her work is exemplary even with the tremendous amount of paperwork that she processes daily. Joyce's attention to detail and the quality of her work have been instrumental in saving the Department money. Joyce is a valuable resource and asset who works quietly behind the scenes and positively impacts the day-to-day budgetary issues and operations of the Wichita Police Department.



Dr. K. Jones, DVM, is this year's Cooper/McKee Volunteer of the Year. Dr. Jones has been a tremendous asset to the Wichita Police Department in 2004 and 2005. In January of 2004 she attended training in Las Vegas and one of the seminars that she attended discussed the connection between animal abuse and

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domestic violence. She was touched by the fact that an abuser of animals is usually abusing their domestic partner. In addition, she learned that about two-thirds of abused women do not want to leave their home for fear their pets will become the victim of abuse.

Upon learning there was no existing program in Wichita for domestic violence victims and their pets to find a safe haven, she devised a plan to assist. The plan is now known citywide as Pets in Crisis. From March-July 2005 there were 10 animals taken into the program and placed into temporary foster homes. Out of those animals, six had already been abused. Dr. Jones has made a positive impact on domestic violence in the community by offering this valuable resource.

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